



Sent by email

October 15, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C.
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2
pm@pm.gc.ca

Subject: Support for the City of Pickering's Initiative to Acquire Frenchman's Bay
File: A-1000-002

On behalf of the City of Pickering and Members of Council, I wish to extend our sincere appreciation for your government's ongoing commitment to protecting Canada's natural heritage and advancing sustainable development.

We are especially grateful for the strong advocacy of Juanita Nathan, Member of Parliament for Pickering-Brooklin, who voiced her support for the acquisition of Frenchman's Bay during her maiden speech in the House of Commons.

As you may be aware, the City has submitted an offer to purchase Frenchman's Bay, and the 160-day Due Diligence period is imminent. With that in mind, there is a growing urgency to secure funding from the senior levels of government.

Using a tri-party funding model, the City has committed \$10 million toward acquiring Frenchman's Bay and its associated land parcels. We are in the final stages of confirming support from the Province and are now focused on securing a \$10 million contribution from the Federal Government to complete the \$30 million purchase and bring this vision to life.

Frenchman's Bay is a shimmering jewel - a beloved natural treasure that deserves to be strengthened and protected for the enjoyment of all. Transitioning it into public stewardship will ensure its long-term preservation and safeguard it from unwanted development and the uncertainties of private ownership. This is a unique opportunity for all levels of government to demonstrate leadership in environmental protection, conservation, and public access.

We appreciate the federal government's leadership in advancing projects that enhance natural infrastructure and build climate resilience. Although the Natural Infrastructure Fund is no longer accepting applications, it reflects the kind of forward-thinking investment that aligns perfectly with our vision for Frenchman's Bay. We would appreciate the opportunity to engage with your team on potential funding streams that could help move this project forward.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with you, your team, and MP Nathan to secure Frenchman's Bay - a testament to our collective will to protect, preserve, and celebrate Canada's natural heritage, and a lasting legacy for our community, our environment, and our nation.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Ashe', with a stylized, cursive script.

Kevin Ashe
Mayor, City of Pickering

Copy: Hon. Francois-Phillipe Champagne, Minister of Finance
Hon. Julie Dabrusin, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Juanita Nathan, MP, Pickering-Brooklin
Hon. Doug. Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, MPP Pickering-Brooklin
John Henry, Chair, The Regional Municipality of Durham

Members of Council
Chief Administrative Officer